Private Colleges Accreditation Board

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The Honourable John Gogo
Minister of Advanced Education
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Dear Mr. Gogo:

On behalf of the Private Colleges Accreditation Board, I have the honour of providing you with the seventh Annual Report for the year ending March 1992.

Respectfully,

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Walter H. Worth
Chairman

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1. Introduction

The Private Colleges Accreditation Board was established in 1984, by an amendment to Alberta's *Universities Act*, and is empowered to make recommendations to the Minister of Advanced Education with respect to baccalaureate degrees, other than those in Divinity programs, that may be offered by Alberta private colleges. With the concurrence and support of the Minister of Advanced Education, authority to offer degrees may be granted by Order in Council.

The primary work of the Board is to receive and review applications from private colleges for accreditation in baccalaureate programs, and to conduct periodic evaluations of accredited programs. The Board has established minimal conditions which must be satisfied by a college proposing to offer a degree so that each approved program meets acceptable academic standards. These conditions include, in part: demonstration of an appropriate curriculum; sufficient number of suitably qualified faculty members; appropriate library and learning resources; and, evidence that sufficient financial resources are available to support the programs.

When last surveyed by the Board in 1990, there were twenty-two private colleges incorporated under private Acts of the Alberta Legislature. Four of the private colleges incorporated under their own Act have achieved degree-granting status since 1984. Augustana University College (formerly Camrose Lutheran College) is authorized to offer three-year and four-year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs. Concordia College and The King's College offer three-year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs. On 5 September 1991, an Order in Council was issued authorizing Canadian Union College to offer a three-year Bachelor of Arts program.

The private colleges with accredited programs are becoming an integral part of the post-secondary system in Alberta. Tables 1 and 2 in Addendum A, which provide data on the student transfers into and from these institutions, attest to the increasing number of students whose needs are being met by the private colleges.

2. Membership of the Board

The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education: a chairman, four members of the public, four university academic staff members nominated by the Universities Co-ordinating Council, and four private college academic staff members nominated jointly by their presidents.

In addition, the Minister designates an official from his Department to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity. The services of an executive secretary and secretary are provided to the Board by the Minister.

During the reporting period, the following individuals have served the Board.

Chairman	
Dr. Walter Worth	Chairman
Public Members	
Mr. Ed Makarenko	(to 11 January 1992)
Mr. Horace Ottley	
Ms. Caroline Martin	
Dr. Heather Montgomerie	
University Members	
Dr. James Forrest	University of Alberta
Dr. Roger Gibbins	The University of Calgary
Dr. Stephen Murgatroyd	Athabasca University
Dr. Ian Newbould	The University of Lethbridge (to 6 May 1991)
Prof. Una Ridley	The University of Lethbridge (from 25 July 1991)
Private College Members	
Dr. Gary Colwell	Concordia College
Dr. David Dahle	Augustana University College
Dr. Warren Trenchard	Canadian Union College
Dr. Keith Ward	The King's College
Alberta Advanced Education	
Mr. Bill Novasky	

3. Activities of the Board

During the past year, Camrose Lutheran University College announced a name change to Augustana University College, effective September 1991. This institution was the subject of much of the Board's attention as it is the first private college with accredited programs to reach the comprehensive evaluation stage. The King's College, which is currently beginning its comprehensive evaluation, will submit its Self-Study in the summer of 1992.

The Board's activities for the year included:

a) At its May 1991 meeting, the Board approved the application from Canadian Union College. On recommendation of the Board, the Government of Alberta issued an Order in Council in September 1991 designating the college as an institution that may grant a three-year Bachelor of Arts degree.

b) The *Universities Act* provides for the periodic review of the operations of the private colleges with accredited programs. As one component of this comprehensive evaluation, Augustana University College, which received degree-granting status in 1985, submitted a Self-Study of its operations in July 1991. An external evaluation team comprised of Dr. Don Detomasi (Chairman), Dr. Robert Weyant, and Dr. Peter Mahaffy was appointed by the Board. The team (along with the Board's Executive Officer) conducted a three-day visit to the campus in October and presented their report at the December meeting of the Board. Also presented and discussed at that meeting was the University College's response to the report. The final component of the comprehensive evaluation will be a visit to Augustana University College by the Board in April 1992. Subsequently, the Board will transmit the outcomes of the comprehensive evaluation to the institution's President and to the Minister of Advanced Education.

c) In the Fall of each year, the private colleges with accredited programs submit an annual report to the Board. These reports are examined by the Board with a view to ensuring the maintenance of quality programs. The 1990-91 annual reports were considered at the December meeting of the Board and some follow-up activities are underway. Enrolment statistics drawn from the reports of the colleges are included as Tables 3 and 4 in Addendum A.

d) At its May meeting, the Board approved guidelines for the receipt and assessment of proposals from private colleges for Bachelor of Education programs. These guidelines were published in the third edition of the *Accreditation Handbook* (May 1991).

e) Other activities included updating of the Board's *Management Plan*, which projects the working activities of the Board until the spring of 1996; and, the processing of changes in concentrations offered in three-year accredited degree programs at the colleges.

The Board met three times in the reporting period. Throughout 1992-93, major emphasis will be given to determining the outcomes of the comprehensive evaluation of Augustana University College; to recruiting an external evaluation team for the comprehensive evaluation of The King's College; and to assessing the various components of the evaluation including the team's report, the institution's Self-Study, and the College's response to it.

4. Administration

Due to the resignation of the Board's Executive-Secretary, Stan Gault, Marilyn Patton was appointed in June as Executive Officer. She continues to fulfill duties as Executive Officer to the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer. The Secretariat assists the Chairman and the Board in their activities and provides information in response to inquiries from various agencies and members of the public about matters related to private colleges and accreditation.

5. Related Developments

Three developments continue to be of interest because of the implications they may have for the work of the Board and the future of private colleges:

- the passage of Acts by the Legislative Assembly, creating new private colleges;
- the access to degree programs in the various post-secondary institutions in the province;
- the aspiration of some private colleges to offer professional degrees.

In the year ahead, further consideration will be given to the probable consequences of these developments as a basis for anticipatory planning by the Board.

Addendum A

Table 1

Students Transferring from Alberta Private Colleges

Fall 1989, 1990, 1991

SENDING INSTITUTION	*RECEIVING INSTITUTION*					
	Universities	*Public Colleges*	*Technical Institutes*	*Private Colleges*	*Other*	*Total*
Augustana University College						
1989	158	38	21	4	3	224
1990	112	47	44	6	4	213
1991	103	36	28	7	8	182
Canadian Union College						
1989	6	10	1			17
1990	4	4				8
1991	5	3	2		4	14
Concordia College						
1989	403	35	37	6	11	492
1990	366	39	47	4	6	462
1991	386	35	93	7	10	531
The King's College						
1989	49	2	2	7	4	64
1990	48	9	9	2	1	69
1991	59	12	10	6	3	90
Total						
1989	616	85	61	17	18	797
1990	530	99	100	12	11	752
1991	553	86	133	20	25	817

Source: Reports from Institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

Table 2
Students Transferring to Alberta Private Colleges
Fall 1989, 1990, 1991

SENDING INSTITUTIONS	*RECEIVING INSTITUTION*				
	Augustana University College	*Canadian Union College*	*Concordia College*	*The King's College*	*Total*
Transfers from within Province					
1989	26	4	40	36	106
1990	45	3	67	48	163
1991	62	13	156	73	304
Transfers into Province					
1989	17	6	6	18	47
1990	8	6	20	13	47
1991	10	11	14	11	46
Total Transfers					
1989	43	10	46	54	153
1990	53	9	87	61	210
1991	72	24	170	84	350

Source: Reports from Institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

Table 3
1990-91 Student FTE Enrolments at Alberta Private Colleges with Accredited Programs

	Augustana University College			Concordia College		The King's College	
	3-Year Concentration	4-Year Major	Other	3-Year Concentration	Other	3-Year Concentration	Other
1. P.C.A.B.* - Approved Degree Programs							
Bachelor of Arts							
Computing Science	5.00						
Drama	12.00						
Economics	46.00						
English	43.50	20.00		32.25		16.75	
History	34.50	16.25		5.00		16.00	
Mathematics	5.00						
Music	13.00	7.00		8.00		20.50	
Philosophy						2.00	
Physical Education	59.50						
Political Science	14.00						
Psychology	90.50	34.00		49.00		25.75	
Religious Studies	8.25	2.00		16.00			
Scandinavian Studies	.25						
Sociology	40.25			19.00			
Social Sciences						34.75	
Undeclared	126.25			7.25		11.75	
Bachelor of Science							
Biology/Zoology				50.00			
Biology	49.25	19.25				43.50	
Chemistry	22.00					9.00	
Computing Science	33.25						
Mathematics	17.00			12.00			
Physical Education	5.00						
Physics	9.00						
Psychology	6.00	9.00					
Undeclared	30.25			4.75		7.00	
Total Degree Students	669.75	107.50		203.25		187.00	
2. Special Students			12.25		2.70		
3. Other University Level Programs					1,064.00		149.10
4. Grand Totals	669.75	107.50	12.25	203.25	1,066.70	187.00	149.10
5. Totals by Institution		789.50		1,269.95		336.10	

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Table 4
1990-91 Degree Graduates at Alberta Private Colleges with Accredited Programs

	Augustana University College			Concordia College		The King's College	
	3-Year Concentration	4-Year Major	Previous Year	3-Year Concentration	Previous Year	3-Year Concentration	Previous Year
Bachelor of Arts							
Biology						1	
Chemistry						1	
Computing Science	1						
Drama	3		2				
Drama/Psychology	1						
Economics	6		1				
English	4	1	19	12	4	6	4
History	5	5	7			2	6
Mathematics			1				
Music	3	1	5	3	4	5	5
Philosophy						2	
Physical Education	17		5				
Psychology	23	3	17	15	10	6	
Psychology/Sociology	1						
Religious Studies			6	5	3		
Rel.St./Psychology			1				
Scandinavian Studies	1		1				
Social Sciences						9	10
Sociology	6		13				
Total Arts	71	10	78	35	21	32	25
Bachelor of Science							
Biology	5	1	7		3	10	3
Biology/Zoology				8	7		
Chemistry	2		2		4	2	
Computing Science	4		4				
Comp.Sc./Math.	1		1				
Mathematics	3		1	3	1		
Math./Economics			1				
Psychology	1		1				
Total Science	16	1	17	11	11	14	5
Institution Totals 1989-90		95		32		30	
Institution Totals 1990-91		98		46		46	

Addendum B

Publications of the Accreditation Board

Accreditation Handbook, Third Edition, May 1991
The Handbook documents the basic policies and procedures of the Board for dealing with proposals from private colleges for the authority to grant degrees.

Private and Independent Colleges in Alberta, Third Edition, March 1990
The directory provides basic information about all private and independent colleges operating in Alberta.

Private Colleges Accreditation Board: Annual Report
The Board reports annually to the Minister of Advanced Education.